

THE GAZETTE.

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A. J. KOPECKY.

A Striking Example of
what Energy and In-
dustry can Ac-
complish.

A. J. Kopecky was born in Aus-
tria in 1849, and came to America
in 1873. While crossing the ocean
his vessel was wrecked and every
dollar he had in the world was swal-
lowed up in the ocean. In the
midst of a hurricane the vessel was
driven on the rocks and but for a
passing vessel coming to the aid of
passengers and crew, all on board
would have been lost. The ship
that picked them up was bound for
Galveston, and there, late in the
fall Mr. Kopecky landed penniless,
and started out to seek his fortune.
During the months of November
and December, 1873, he worked on
a farm near Sweet Home, this
county, and received in payment
thereof, a mare. In 1874, he raised
a crop on the halves, and with
the proceeds bought a tract of raw
land. Late in the season of '74, he
moved out on the prairie, south of
where the city of Shiner now stands,
and started to house-keeping in a
house without a floor and furnished
in the rudest manner. His life
from that on was marked by pa-
tient industry and rigid economy,
and he was able year by year to add
to his landed possessions until to-
day he is one of the wealthiest land
owners in the county. In 1880
he built near where the Kopecky
school house now stands, and lived
there until 1890, when he erect-
ed a house on his land just south
of Shiner, and re-moved there in
order to be convenient to the Shin-
er schools. His farm south of
Shiner, consists of 800 acres of fine
cotton land and is occupied and
tilled by eleven renters. This land
is probably the finest in Texas, and
is unsurpassed for fertility and
richness of soil. Besides this, Mr.
Kopecky owns a tract of timber
land near Nickel, Gonzales county,
and has other landed possessions
in other parts of the county and
state. He has had eleven children
of whom eight are still living; five
daughters and three sons. His
eldest son, Joe, is spoken of as one
of the foremost scholars in the
Shiner schools. A. J. Kopecky is
a prominent member of the Cath-
olic church, and is held in high re-
gard and esteem by all who know
him. The Kopecky school house,
situated about three or four miles
south-west of Shiner, is presided
over this winter by Miss Annie
Stranges.

There is honor in a man start-
ing out without a dollar in the
world and steadily and persistently
fighting his way up towards the
top of the ladder. If he has a good
purpose in view and fights for the
right, he will succeed in the end, it
does not matter how heavy the
odds may be against him.

In the course of conversation
Mr. Kopecky said to the GAZETTE
man:

"I have worked hard all my life,
been contented to sleep on the bare
floor and labor by moon-light as
well as by day, and now I am get-
ting as I can enjoy the comforts of
life. All that I have gained is to
be able to pay for my children's
education."

every opportunity in the world to
learn, and grow up to be useful
men and women. I would rather
live here in Shiner than anywhere
else in the world, and I hope to
live long enough to see my chil-
dren all comfortably settled here in
the vicinity of Shiner, the best lit-
tle city in Texas."

We echo his sentiments about
Shiner being the best town in Tex-
as, and we are glad that there are
many others of the same mind, who
will stand up for Shiner and rejoice
in its prosperity. Men like Mr.
Kopecky are numerous in this part
of Texas, men who have risen from
the ranks and who stand as strik-
ing examples of what can be ac-
complished by economy, industry
and perseverance. It is their hands
that have built the innumerable
farm houses that dot the prairie in
every direction from Shiner, and
have made the hills and valleys
bloom as the rose.

All Roads Lead to Shiner.

Shiner merchants have been paying
more for cotton this last week than
any other firm in the county, con-
sequently there has been more trade
going on here than any other town
in the county. Trade is coming
this way and will continue to come
this way, and we want the people
in all the country about to know it.

People are coming to Shiner from
the vicinity of Sweet home, Yoakum
Hallettsville and other towns to do
their trading, and as a farmer re-
marked the other day: "I used to
do my trading in Yoakum, but
now I am coming to Shiner. Your
merchants here don't offer great
things; they never promise to sell
their goods below cost, but do
business on a good solid
basis and keep every promise they
make, and I had rather trade with
them, as I know I can get my
goods cheaper in the long run than
I can get them any where else in
the county." This hits the nail
squarely on the head. When mer-
chants have established a reputa-
tion for solidity and integrity, their
trade is assured. All roads lead to
Shiner and to Shiner merchants.

The hold-up on the International
and Great Northern a few nights
ago was one of the boldest that has
taken place in the south for some
time. The cause of these robberies
is hard to find. Almost invariably
swift retribution overtakes bandits
and not one in ten escapes capture,
yet hardly a week passes without
the press chronicling an attack on
a train some where in the west or
south. If the reports given are
true, the robbers seldom secure
large sums of money, and in the
fact that capture and punishment
is almost certain, it seems strange
that men should be so fool hardy.
Train robbery should be made a
capital offence, and such men
as those who held up the L. & G. N.
Express the other night should be
made a terrible example of. The
shooting of the fireman was wanton
and no punishment is adequate of
the crime.

MARRIED.

Wm. Hagendorf and John Ha-
gens stole a march on their friends
Wednesday, Dec. 6th, by going to
Gonzales with the two daughters of
Wm. Mulker and being united in
the holy bonds of matrimony. Their
Turner friends had arranged to
give them an old-fashioned charivari
Thursday night and were sur-
prised by the boys getting married
away from home and a day ahead of
time. The GAZETTE wishes the
happy couples every Joy and bless-
ing.

CONCERT.

—There will be a concert at
Kotzebue's Hall, in Moulton, Thurs-
day, Dec. 21st. The exercises will
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the numb, creepy sensation that existed in my
arms, hands and legs. I had to rub and beat
these parts until they were sore, to overcome
the numbness the Good feeling that had taken
possession of them. In addition, I had a
strange weakness in my back and around my
waist, together with an indescribable 'grip-
ping' in my stomach. Physicians said it
was creeping paralysis, from which, accord-
ing to their universal conclusion, there is no
relief. Once it fastens upon a person, they
say, it continues its insidious progress until
it reaches a vital point and the sufferer dis-
appears as my prospect. I had been doctoring
a year and a half steadily, but with no par-
ticular benefit. When I saw an advertisement
of Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine, I procured a
bottle and began using it. Marvelous as it
may seem, but a few days had passed, before
every bit of that creepy feeling had left me,
and there has not been even the slightest
indication of its return. I now feel as
well as I ever did, and have gained ten
pounds in weight, though I had run down
from 175 to 145. Four others have used Dr.
Miles' Restorative Nervine on my recom-
mendation, and it has been as satisfactory in their
cases as in mine."—James Kane, La Rue, O.
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given me up but now I am better than ever before. I give this testimonial
for the benefit of all those afflicted with consumption.
J. Paukert, West Commerce Street, San Antonio, Tex.

2.) I certify that I had a very bad leg for over eight years. I had sev-
eral doctors but none of them could cure me. At last I applied to Dr.
Schiersmann, Shiner, Lavaca county, Texas, who cured me in two weeks,
perfectly.
George Zwally, Salado street, San Antonio.

3.) I had a bad cold which settled on my lungs. One bottle of lung
medicine of Dr. Schiersmann of Shiner, Lavaca county, Texas cured me.
H. Veltmann, Brackett, Kinney Co., Texas.

4.) For two years I was afflicted with consumption so that I was unable
to work. I used several patent medicine, which did not relieve me. At
last I consulted the specialist, Dr. Schiersmann of Shiner, Lavaca county,
Texas, who cured me in five months and now I am able to work again. My
trade is carpentering.
G. A. 314 Market street, Denison, Texas.

5.) I certify that the medicine of Dr. Schiersmann of Shiner, Lavaca
county, Texas, cures consumption.
Rev. R. Parker, 29 Claiborne St., New Orleans.

6.) I was afflicted with consumption and used one bottle of A. Schiers-
mann's medicine and was cured.
J. Grayson, Eufaula, I. T.

7.) I was paralyzed on one side for three years and had several doctors
none of whom could cure me. At last I consulted the specialist, Dr. Schie-
rsmann of Shiner, Lavaca county, Texas, who cured me in two weeks.
M. Montes, 208 North Cass street, San Antonio, Tex.

8.) I was ill for four years with lung trouble and none of the doctors I
ad could help me. At last I tried Dr. Schiersmann's medicine of Shiner,
Lavaca county, Texas, and was completely cured.
B. Franke, Swiss Alp, Fayette Co., Texas.

9.) San Antonio, December 10th, 1887. I know from personal experience
that the medicine of Dr. A. Schiersmann used and recommends is a sure
remedy for tape worm. All who are afflicted with tape worms will find a
sure remedy by consulting Dr. A. Schiersmann of Shiner, Lavaca Co., Tex.
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